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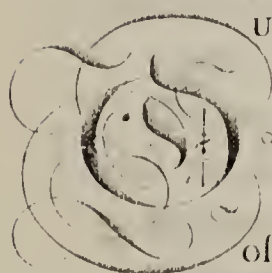
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OUR FAMILY TREE in this country started with a Thomas Gleason who leased land from the Indians on the west shore of the Mystic Lakes in Winchester, Massachusetts. This land was then a part of Charlestown, and the lease was dated December 3, 1658. The exact date of his arrival in this country is not known, but is thought to be about 1642. Thomas Gleason probably came from Sulgrave, County of Northampton, England. He was born in 1607, and died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1686. From there on his descendants can be traced to Watertown, Sudbury, Gleasondale, Shrewsbury and Worcester, where our grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Gleason, was born March 31, 1816, and died February 16, 1869. He married Mary Ann Ford of Pembroke, Mass., who was born October 13, 1817, and died April 7, 1892.

To digress a little into the military aspects of past generations, Nathaniel, son of the original Thomas, was killed in King Philip's War, in the Sudbury fight, in April, 1676, at the age of 25. He was one of seven sons. There were also two daughters. John, another son of Thomas, born in Watertown, Mass., was also engaged in King Philip's War. He was a resident of Sudbury at this time.

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At the time of the American Revolution there were nine Gleasons from Worcester who enlisted. They were as follows:

David, died Auburn, April 29, 1833, aged 86.

Isaac, died Worcester, January 7, 1776.

John, died Worcester, August 20, 1839, aged 75.

Jonathan, died Worcester, June 4, 1827, aged 82, buried in lot 739, Hope Cemetery.

Joseph, 1777.

Phineas, died Worcester, December 26, 1809, aged 56, buried tier A, Hope Cemetery.

Reuben, 1776.

Thomas, 1779-80, 25 years, farmer.

Vernon, 1776.

There is a Robert Smith's name on a bronze tablet together with six other soldiers of the Revolution, who were buried on the Worcester Common. He could be the Robert Smith mentioned below.

Jonathan Gleason, Jr., our great grandfather, was born in Worcester April 9, 1772, and died there May 3, 1838. He married Esther Smith of Worcester, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Smith on February 28, 1797. She was born March 2, 1771 and died December 31, 1866 at the age of 95.

Sometime previous to 1797 one of the Gleasons sold to the above Robert Smith that section of land eventually to become the Sweetser farm on Ararat Street in the north section of Worcester known as Greendale. A two-story farm house was built by Robert Smith about the time he acquired this land, said to be about 1776.

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It is assumed at this time the original 1 1-2 story house built by a Thomas Gleason, located some 300 feet west of the Smith house, was moved from its first site to a new location about 1-4 mile east down hill on Ararat Street. The entire section of land formerly containing about 200 acres was then divided in two with the western part occupied by Robert Smith and the eastern or lower section occupied by Jonathan Gleason, Jr., who lived in the original farm house in its new location. It was here our grandfather, Benjamin F. Gleason, was born in 1816 and our father, Walter Ford Gleason, was born May 8, 1855.

Afterward, the old 1 1-2 story house was again moved about 200 feet south to the opposite side of Ararat Street and its final resting place near a stone bridge or culvert at Weasel Brook. This was done to make room for building the new two-story and attic house which was to become our father's farm house and the house where I and most of my brothers and sisters were born. Chauncey and Olive were born later at a place known then as the parsonage, on Central Avenue (now Rockdale Street) in Greendale village.

All those old houses on Ararat Street have long since disappeared. The Sweetser house was burned about 1904 in broad daylight as witnessed by the writer from a top story window of one of the Norton Company buildings where he was employed at the time. The fire was caused either from a defective chimney or overheated kitchen stove while the occupants were otherwise engaged about the farm. After discovery, and before the fire department could be summoned, the fire had gained such headway the ancient dwelling was doomed. There was no adequate

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water supply available at that time to fight a fire of any size. The property at the time of fire although owned by the Sweetser heirs was occupied by a tenant named Brown.

The original 1 1-2 story and the 2 story and attic Gleason houses stood on land acquired later by the Norton Company and were removed by them during expansion of their rapidly growing plant. Practically all the land of the Gleason and Sweetser farms is now occupied by the Norton Company buildings or by dwellings of their employees.

To go back still further in our family history, the first to settle on this section of land is thought to be a Thomas Gleason who was granted land north of North Pond (now called Indian Lake) by the "Proprietors" in 1719. These were the "Proprietors" of the newly settled town of Worcester. This grant of land included the side of a hill, later known as Mt. Ararat and still more recently as Indian Hill.

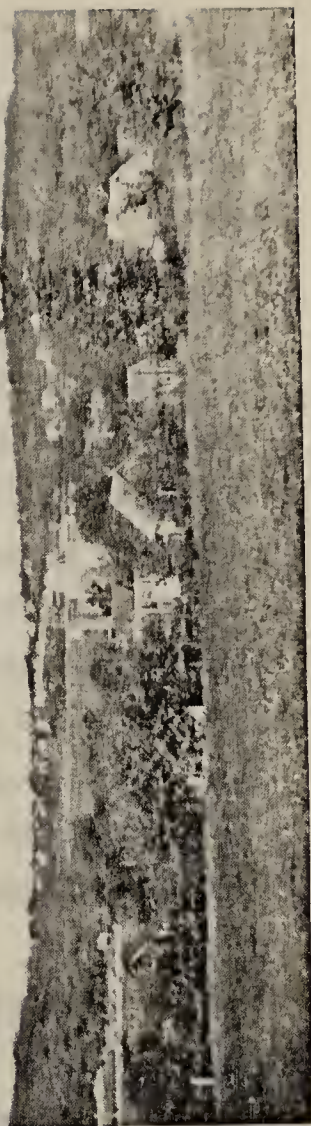
This slope of Indian Hill was eventually acquired by the Norton Company and made into a park and is now planted heavily with Austrian pine. During our childhood and for generations before, this was cleared land used for pasturage. A few native chestnut trees were retained on the slope to provide shade for the cattle and for the fine quality of nuts which we children were always eager to gather in early fall. These chestnut trees perished together with all others of this variety from Japanese blight which swept the country in the early years of this century.

The nine children of our generation of whom eight lived to maturity, roamed the Gleason and Sweetser farms at will. Our parents were not especially severe taskmasters and our childhood

TIME AND CHANGE. TWO PICTURES OF THE SAME LANDSCAPE TAKEN 45 YEARS APART



Looking West Out Ararat St., Greendale.
Picture taken about 1895. Reading front to
rear: Stevens Farm, Old Gleason House,
(dimly seen behind trees in center), New
Gleason House, Sweetset House.



Looking West Out Ararat St., Greendale. About 1940.
This picture was taken from the same spot as the one above, 45 years later.

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was spent in relative freedom about the sparsely settled countryside in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With us boys the highlights of the year were in summertime when we went almost daily, after noonday dinner, to the swimming hole at North Pond where we all learned to swim at an early age.

In those days the 4th of July was a real celebration with no restrictions as to size of firecrackers with which we blew tin cans sky high. Promptly at midnight on the night before we would start out with our noise makers. These consisted of revolvers firing blank cartridges, small size cannon using black powder, and quantities of firecrackers. No accidents from the noisy celebrations ever occurred around us and I feel it was a mistake when they eventually were outlawed. This to me, destroyed the spirit of the day entirely. Today when I see and read of the awful carnage inflicted by autos, the accidents incurred by old time 4th of July celebrations seem trifling indeed.

No record can be found of just when the original 1 1-2 story Gleason house was built, but there is no doubt of its great age as was apparent to us who knew it. With its exceedingly low ceilings, small windows and generally cramped interior, it must have been constructed under great difficulties. Thomas Gleason was probably the builder of this quaint dwelling soon after he acquired the land July 16, 1719.

These farms were essentially for the production of milk which required large amounts of hay and fodder corn. The milk was retailed to customers in Worcester and Greendale village. We helped with the haying such as driving horse drawn rakes, gathering produce of different kinds, driving the cattle home

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from pasture at milking time in late afternoon and tending chickens. More attention was paid to schooling than anything else and both boys and girls were not allowed to neglect their lessons at anytime.

My own childhood was spent under the supervision of Aunt Abbie Sweetser and grandparents at the adjoining Sweetser farm. She was a maiden lady and a former teacher at Mt. Holyoke College of which she was a graduate. Our sister Bertha is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke also, and sister Olive studied there for a time. None of the rest of us received much beyond a high school education. I was taken from home when two years old to be raised by Aunt Abbie as the home nest was already becoming overcrowded. It was not expected I would live long anyway but my chance of survival was thought might be better with more individual attention. So far, at age 74, the idea has proved successful.

Brother Elmer was a baseball pitcher of no mean repute and often pitched the village team to victory over those "darned furriners" from the city. Olive, who married Robert G. Cowan, has been active in public life and served a two-year term as president of the Worcester Woman's Club which had a membership of about 800. Mr. Cowan, also active in civic affairs, is a retired vice president of the Worcester County National Bank. They have no children.

Our grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Gleason, married Mary Ann Ford December 30, 1838. She was from Pembroke, Mass. Our father, Walter Ford Gleason, was one of the two sons of Benjamin to reach maturity. He was born May 8, 1855, and died

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in Worcester February 8, 1923. His brother, Franklin C., was born February 5, 1853 and died 1905. He married Jennie Whittemore of Nova Scotia and they had two children, Frank E., born October 31, 1886, and Flora born 1889.

Our father had three sisters, Laura Jane born October 18, 1840, and died July 22, 1856; Francelia Ida born May 16, 1850, and died 1857; Flora Ann born May 17, 1861, died in infancy. There was also said to be a boy Alonzo who also died in infancy of which no record exists. All are buried in the lot of Grandfather Benjamin F. Gleason, in Worcester Rural Cemetery.

Our father married Martha Zilla Sweetser from the adjoining farm on December 25, 1877. Her parents had purchased this farm, formerly owned by Robert Smith, and moved there from the city in 1862. Our mother was born on Mulberry Street in Worcester, Mass., November 26, 1855, and died in Manchester, Conn., October 20, 1937. Their descendants are as follows:

- (i) Bertha Louise, born December 12, 1878.
 - (ii) Laura Marian, born February 2, 1880,
 died September 12, 1889.
 - (iii) Elmer Frank, born April 9, 1882.
 - (iv) Irving Sweetser, born April 7, 1884,
 died Seattle, Wash., January 18, 1937.
 - (v) Walter Tolman, born May 10, 1886.
 - (vi) Katharine Abbie, born September 18, 1888.
 - (vii) Marian Elizabeth, born October 4, 1890.
 - (viii) Chauncey Samuel, born July 11, 1896,
 died February 25, 1929.
 - (ix) Olive Lillis, born August 31, 1898.
- (All born in Worcester, Mass.)

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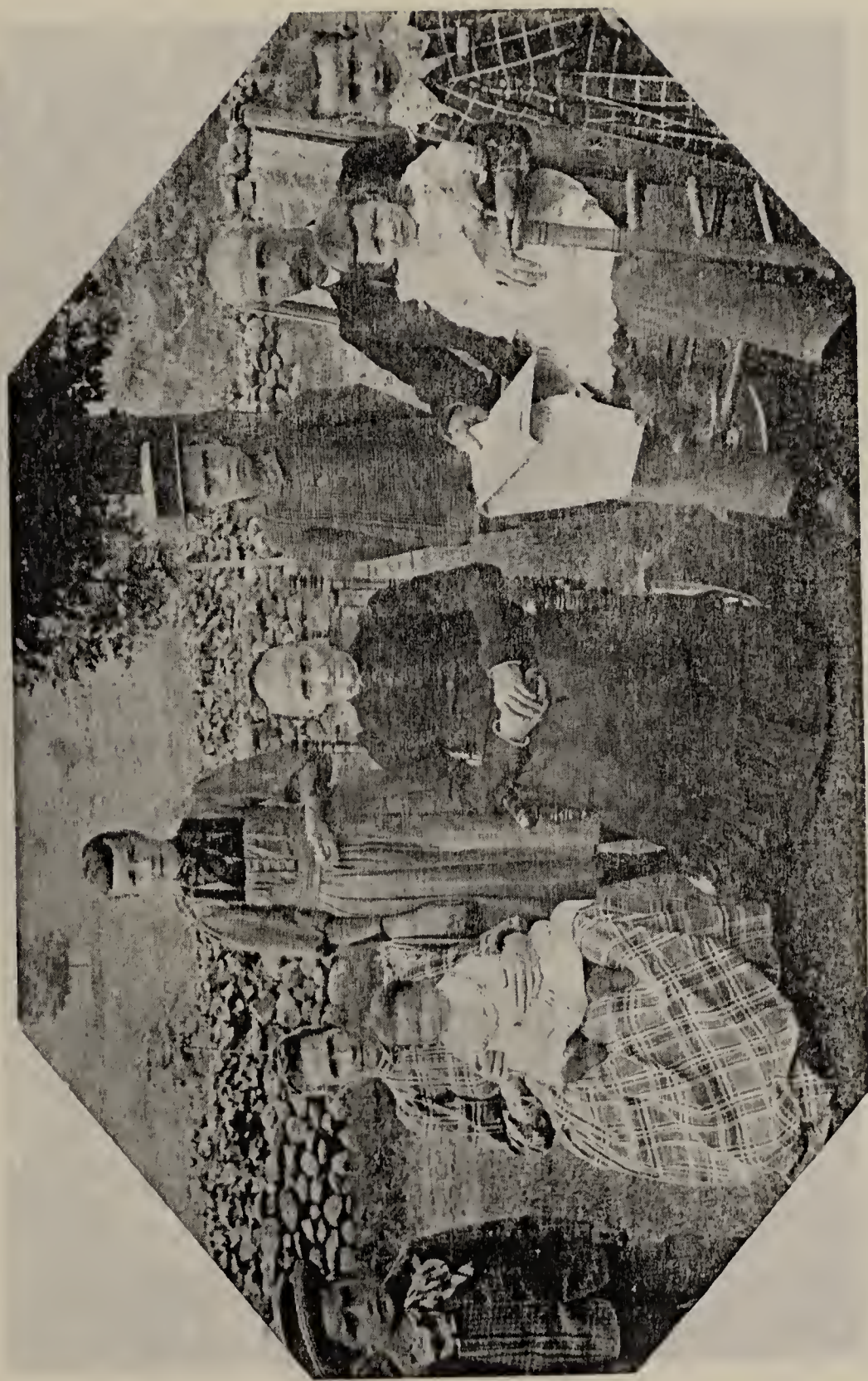
The following was copied from a recent letter from Hattie Gardner, our 2nd cousin, with whom Bertha corresponds. She is 81 years old and lives in South Weymouth, Mass. She wrote as follows:

"According to information I have gathered, Joshua B. Ford, born 1777, married Elizabeth Harlow, born 1779. Among their nine children were: Betsey Baker Ford [our great aunt, Betsey [Ford] Tolman, of Hanover, for whom I am named]; Rozilla [our aunt of Pembroke]; Harriet [Hattie Gardner's mother's mother, born 1815]; Mary Ann [Ford] Gleason [our grandmother, born 1817].

"We are direct descendants of the Harlows of Plymouth Pilgrims, whose original house has been restored in Plymouth."

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(1) Bertha married first, Rev. Gavin Wright, of Fitchburg, Mass., June 15, 1904. He died November 24, 1905 while they were living in Nebraska. She married secondly, James A. Lowell, of Greenfield, Mass., October 3, 1914. He is now a retired librarian of Amherst College. Their principal residence has been Amherst, Mass., where he had a book and stationery store for a time. They have one child (a) Elizabeth Allen, born Springfield, Mass., August 1, 1915. She married first, A. Redmond Dimock, of Valatie, N. Y., September 1, 1937. He died shortly after, leaving one child (a) Joan Elizabeth, born Englewood, N. J., July 13, 1943. Elizabeth A. Dimock (a) married secondly, Gordon Moody, of Amherst, Mass., September 16, 1944. They live in Essex, Conn., and have one child (b) Martha Lowell Moody, born November 12, 1947. The first child (a) Joan Elizabeth Dimock was legally



FAMILY GROUP IN FRONT YARD OF GLEASON FARM ON ARARAT STREET, GREENDALE, ABOUT 1890
Left to right: Irving, Mother Gleason, Marian in lap, Bertha, Grandmother Gleason, Elmer, Father Gleason, Katharine in lap, Walter



THE MASCULINE HALF OF THE FAMILY ABOUT ¹⁹⁶⁶~~1897~~

Left to right: Walter F., Chauncey Sr., Walter T., Elmer F., and Irving S. Gleason. Taken in yard at 8 Randall Street, Greendale



THE FEMININE HALF OF THE FAMILY ABOUT 1897

Left to right: Bertha L., Marion E., Olive L., Mother and Katharine A. Gleason. Taken in yard at S Randall Street, Greenacres.



THE ROBERT GLEASONS IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

Helen, Barbara, Robert, Jr., Robert, (holding their pet gibbon, "Nui")
Picture taken in February, 1961, at their home, 99 Soi Majakroo, Bangkok
Their stay in the Far East extended from May, 1959 to May, 1961

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adopted by Gordon Moody and her name changed to Joan Dimock Moody.

(ii) Laura, died of diphtheria when nine years old.

(iii) Elmer, printer and private press publisher of small limited editions, appears to be the only printer in the family, at least as far back as this record goes. Our Grandfather Gleason's given names were Benjamin Franklin, which may have had some bearing on Elmer's decision to follow the "art preservative" as a vocation. He acquired his training and knowledge of the business in various shops in Massachusetts and other New England states. He migrated from his native Worcester in 1915, to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he completed 45 years of service the first of January, 1960, in one of that city's largest print shops. Here he gained much local and some national repute for his typographical work. He retired in January, 1960, but continues in his chosen calling by operating his own private establishment, known as The Stratford Press, as a pastime. **1964081**

He married Selma Elizabeth Gascoigne, of Worcester, Mass., in 1904. She was born in Byfield, England, January 23, 1884, and came to the U. S. when she was ten years old. She died in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 14, 1957.

Children: (A) Francis Elmer, born in Newburgh, N. Y., February 6, 1906. (B) Robert Joseph, born in Worcester, Mass., November 24, 1908. (C) Paul Gascoigne, born in Worcester, Mass., January 17, 1911. There were also two daughters, one born in Worcester in 1915, and one in Cincinnati in 1918. They both died in infancy.

(A) Francis, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with

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a degree in Chemical Engineering, is now vice president and plant manager of Federal Colors, Inc., in Cincinnati. This is a large concern engaged in producing organic pigments for use by printing and lithographic ink manufacturers. Its business is international in scope.

He married Dorothy Hughes, born 1911, of Cincinnati, in 1931. Their children are (a) Gordon Francis, born in 1933, and (b) Joan Margaret, born in 1937. She graduated from Duke University, Durham, N. C., in 1959. (a) Gordon, after he left high school, served four years in the U. S. Navy. He married Sandra Oliphant-Shapley in 1956. Their children are (1) Shari Loraine, born in 1957, and (2) Rhonda Lynn, born in 1959. They live in Agoura, California.

(B) Robert, also a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, holds a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduating from U. C. he took post graduate work at New York University, and acquired a master's degree in Sanitary Engineering. He had a captain's commission in the U. S. Army during the second World War, although he was employed as a sanitary and civil engineer by a private construction firm that built the allied air bases in Trinidad. For 15 years after the end of the war Robert worked in Seattle under the supervision of the U. S. Navy Department, although he maintained his status of private civilian. His duties made use of the training he received in sanitary engineering at N. Y. U. His work of checking and maintaining the sanitary conditions of the many Navy bases throughout the Northwest, including several in Alaska and the Aleutians, made for quite a lot of traveling and he was frequently away from home for long peri-

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ods. A two-year leave of absence from his work in Seattle to a position, also under supervision of the Navy Department, in Bangkok, Thailand, made use of his training as a Civil Engineer. His official designation for this temporary assignment was "Supervisory Civil Engineer with the Officer in Charge of Construction, Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy." The Navy was the construction agency for military bases built in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

He married Helen Schaub, of New York City, in Trinidad, British West Indies, in 1941. Principal residence, Seattle, Washington. Residence from May, 1959, to May, 1961, Bangkok, Thailand. Children: (a) Robert Halsey, born 1944 in New York. (Mrs. Schaub, Helen's mother, was a relative of Admiral "Bull" Halsey.) (b) Barbara, born 1947, in Seattle.

(c) Paul graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He went to California several years after his graduation and worked for some time with the Lockheed Corporation, builders of airplanes. He now operates a mail order business for the sale of an automatic engraving device which he invented and patented. It is called a "pantograver". He assembles them in his own shop in Van Nuys, from parts manufactured outside his establishment. He is unmarried. Principal residence Cincinnati, Ohio, and Van Nuys, California.

(iv) Irving S. married Elizabeth Campbell November 20, 1912, in Kennewick, Washington. They had two children, both born in Kennewick: (A) Elsie Marie born July 14, 1914 and (B) Marian Louise, born August 13, 1917. Irving was a produce merchant and farmer.

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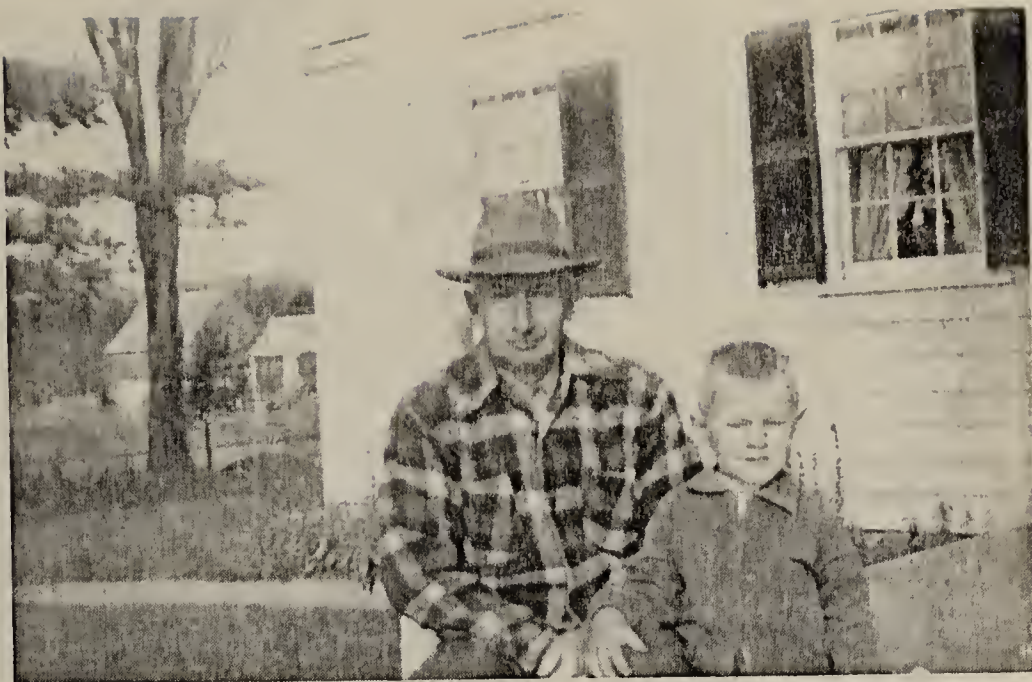
(A) Elsie married Fred H. Miller in Kennewick October 3, 1936. They have two children: (a) Howard Irving, born in Sand Point, Idaho, September 26, 1937. (b) Carol Lee, born Seattle, Washington, December 26, 1954.

(B) Marian Louise married Gordon Ross Rude in Seattle, December 23, 1941. They have two sons: (a) Gary Gordon, born in Seattle, April 10, 1943. (b) Dale Gleason, born in Auburn, Washington, October 6, 1948.

(v) Walter T. (fire insurance engineer) traveled much in connection with work over the entire eastern half of the United States and Canada. After graduation, in 1907, from a course in architecture at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., he was employed principally with architects and contractors as a structural engineer until taking up engineering and inspection for fire insurance companies in 1918. This line of work was followed until retirement in December, 1946.

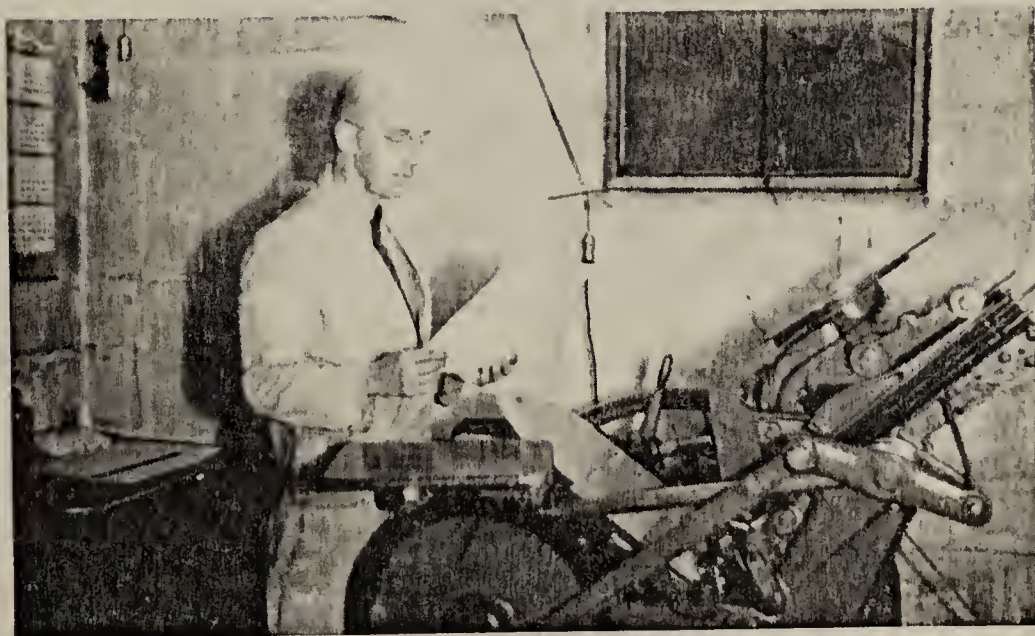
He married first, Harriet Anna Patterson of Worcester, Mass., July 15, 1914. Life with her was spent in Watertown, Mass., Winchester, Mass., and Conway, N. H. He built a house at 26 Lawson Road, Winchester, which they occupied from 1923 to 1947, when another house was built for retirement on West Side Road, one mile from center of Conway, N. H. His first wife died here April 5, 1949.

Second marriage was to Isabel Maud Fish of Kensington, N. H., June 10, 1950. She was a U. S. Air Force nurse at Mitchell Field, N. Y., and Miami, Fla., during World War II. After second marriage the Conway house was occupied until December, 1958, when we moved to our present address in Portsmouth,



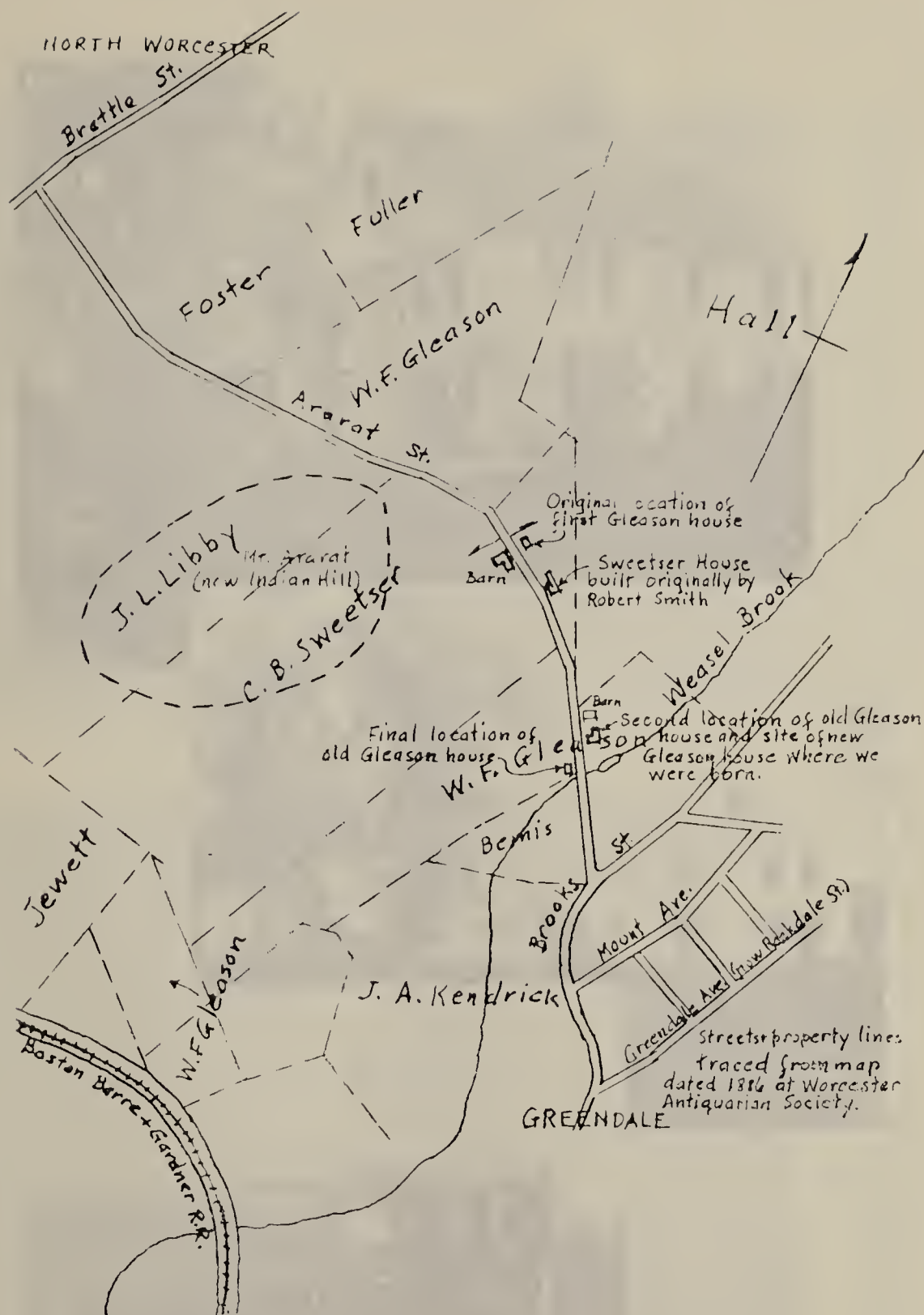
HE WROTE THIS BOOK

Walter T. Gleason and Grandson Peter at house on Westside Road, Conway, N.H.
Picture taken about 1954



HE PRINTED IT

Elmer F. Gleason, at press in his private print shop on Overbrook Place, Cincinnati, Ohio
Picture taken about 1954



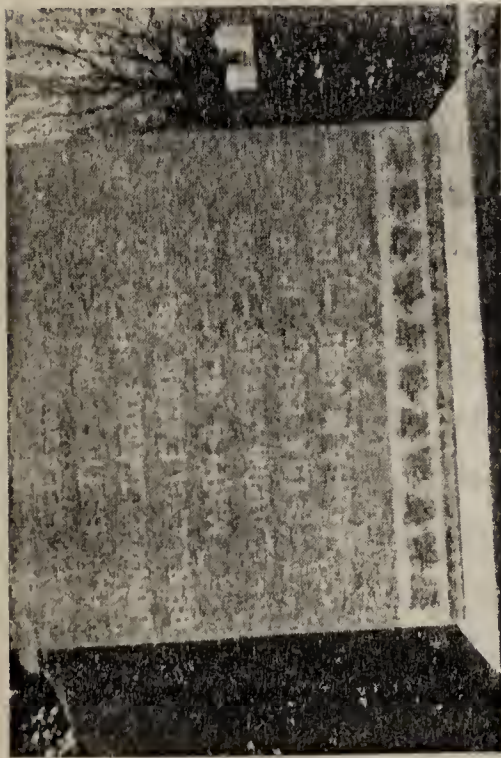
GLEASON AND SWEETSER PROPERTY LINES

Traced from Map dated 1886. at Worcester Antiquarian Society.

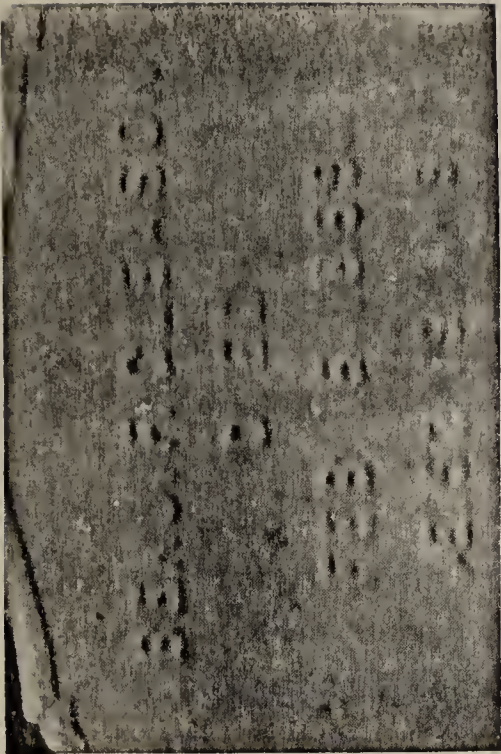


THE SWEETSER HOUSE, ON ARARAT STREET, GREENDALE.

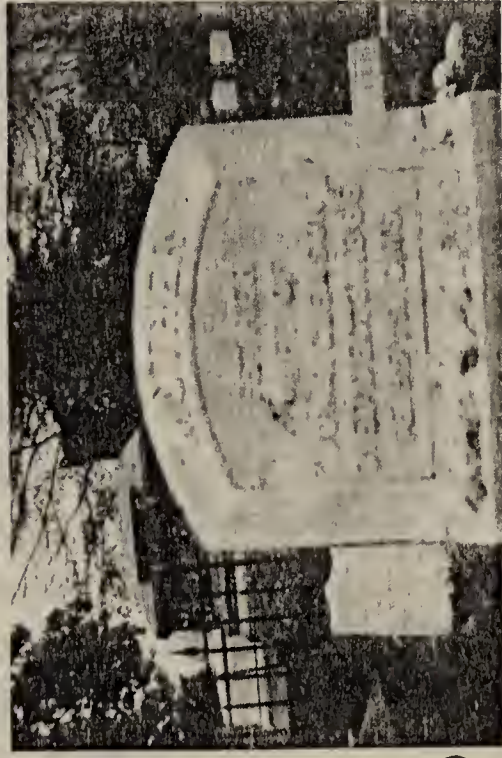
Built about 1776(?) by Col. Robert Smith. (Jonathan Gleason married Esther Smith in 1797)
 Top, Southeasterly Exposure. Center, Southern Exposure. Bottom, after the Fire in 1904



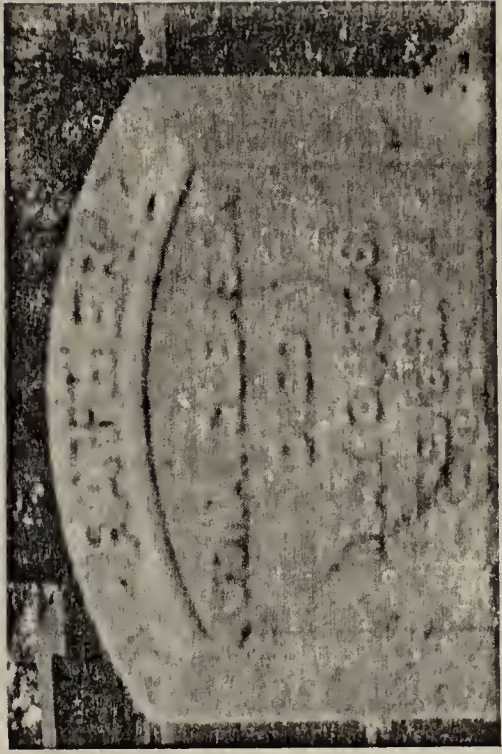
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TOMBSTONES IN GLEASON FAMILY LOT, RURAL CEMETERY, WORCESTER, MASS.

(1) Our great grandfather Jonathan Gleason, at top of stone, born 1772, died 1838. Esther, wife of Jonathan, born 1771, died 1866. Benjamin F. Gleason, born 1816, died 1869. Mary A., born 1817, died 1892. Laura J., born 1840, died 1856. F. Ida, born 1850, died 1858. Laura M., born 1880, died 1889. (2) Grandfather Benjamin F. Gleason, born 1816, died 1869. (3) Great Grandmother Esther, born 1771, died 1866. (4) Great Grandfather Jonathan, born 1772, died 1838.

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N. H. The house in Conway was sold to Joe Dodge, retired Appalachian Mountain Club manager of Pinkham Notch Camp at the base of Mt. Washington.

Only child was by first marriage: (a) Walter Patterson Gleason, born March 28, 1920, at Winchester, Mass. He is a graduate of Northeastern University and served in the U. S. Army in the Philippines during World War II. He married Jean Bushe of Winchester, Mass., March 4, 1944. After discharge from the army they lived in North Conway, N. H., and then Natick, Mass., where he is now principal of a grammar school in Weston with 700 pupils, and holds a master's degree in education.

Children: (a) Peter Leigh, born Winchester, Mass., January 11, 1947. (b) Christopher Allen, born North Conway, N. H., December 29, 1949.

(vi) Katharine Abbie married Herman A. Randall of Worcester, Mass., ^{June} July 22, 1910. He was employed as a telegrapher for the railroads, and finally by the Southern N. E. Telephone Co., Hartford, Conn. Principal address was West Hartford, Conn. and after his retirement, Lee, N. H. He served a term in the New Hampshire legislature as representative from Lee in 1960.

Children: (A) Albert Ford, born October 11, 1913 at West Hartford, Conn., died in January, 1944, by traffic accident at Nashville, Tenn., while in military service, World War II.

(B) John E., born West Hartford, Conn., July 31, 1916. World War II veteran of the U. S. Marines with service mainly on islands of the South Pacific. He was engaged in severe fighting on Guadalcanal, where he was wounded by shrapnel. After two unsuccessful marriages he married Pearlina Payne of Los

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Angeles, Cal., October 30, 1943. She died March 3, 1950. Children: (a) Charles and (b) Rebecca, twins born Lee, N. H., December 26, 1946.

Present marriage was to Joan Holland of Tallahane, Oklahoma, October 17, 1950, in Los Angeles, Cal. Children: (c) Guerinna Madeline, born Lee, N. H., November 21, 1952. (d) Alexander Bruce, born Lee, N. H., February 10, 1956.

(c) David Gleason Randall, born in West Hartford, Conn., March 17, 1927. He served in the U. S. Marines in China during 1947-48. Graduated from New Hampshire University in 1951, and has a master's degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Married Marcia Chapman, of New York City, October 6, 1951. Children: (a) Robin Ellen, born August 28, 1952, Hartford, Conn. (b) Janice Lynn, born July 10, 1956, Hartford, Conn. (c) Alison Jane, born September 9, 1959, Durham, Conn.

(c) David now lives in Durham, Conn., and is an official with the United Aircraft Company.

(vii) Marian Elizabeth married Volney C. Morey of Worcester, Mass., October 16, 1912. Principal addresses, West Hartford, Conn., Manchester, Conn., and Lee, N. H. He is an expert mechanic and tool maker.

Children: (a) Lawrence Clinton, born West Hartford, Conn., September 24, 1913. Married Elizabeth Newman of West Hartford, November 16, 1939. Children of Lawrence and Elizabeth: (a) Katharine Ann, born August 3, 1941, at Hartford, Conn. (b) Lawrence Clinton, Jr., born January 14, 1943, at Brownsville, Vt. He is now in training for the U. S. Navy.

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(A) Lawrence was in U. S. military service in World War II, 1944-45, in Germany and France, and participated in severe fighting at "Battle of the Bulge".

(A) Lawrence, after obtaining divorce from Elizabeth in Reno, married secondly Martha Knox of Essex, Conn., on December 3, 1960.

(B) Phyllis Louise, born West Hartford, Conn., June 23, 1915. Married Carlton J. Ward of Worcester, Mass., December 14, 1939. Principal address, Berkeley, Cal. He is a representative of the ^{Mass. Protective Insurance Co.} State Mutual Life Assurance Co., of Worcester.

Children: (a) Jacqueline, born November 14, 1945, at Worcester, Mass. (b) Laurence Sweetser, born July 11, 1952, at Berkeley, Cal.

(viii) Chauncey, born July 11, 1896, died of Bright's disease February 25, 1929.

(ix) Olive Lillis married Robert G. Cowan, of Worcester, Mass., on August 11, 1928. Principal address, 5 Waconah Road, Worcester, Mass. No children. He is a retired vice president of the Worcester County National Bank, and Olive is a former president of the Worcester Woman's Club, as noted previously.

APPENDIX

Shortly after his marriage in 1797, to Robert Smith's daughter, Jonathan Gleason evidently experienced some financial difficulty, and negotiated a loan of \$1,000 from his father-in-law. Following is a transcription from a photostatic copy of the original mortgage deed dated December 18, 1798, and given by Jonathan to Robert Smith as security for the aforesaid loan. The conditions set down in this document, and complied with by Jonathan, as far as we know, to the mortgagee's satisfaction, were in force for a period of 28 years. He finally was released from the incumbrance by Robert Smith's wife Elizabeth in 1826, shortly before she died. Seems like a long period of servitude—in witness whereof see last paragraph of mortgage deed—with which to liquidate a cash consideration of \$1,000.

The spelling, capitalization, and punctuation—or lack of it—of the original document were carefully followed in making this transcription.

TRANSCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE DEED.

Gleason, Jonathan Jr.

to

Robert Smith

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that I Jonathan Gleason Jr. of Worcester in the County of Worcester, yeoman, for & in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to me in hand before the ensealing hereof well and truly paid by Robert Smith of Worcester aforesaid Gentleman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and myself therewith fully satisfied & contented; & thereof of every part & parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit, and discharge him the said Robert Smith and his heirs, executors, and administrators, forever by these presents: I have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed; & by these

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presents, do freely, fully and absolutely, give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, and confirm, unto him the said Robert Smith & his heirs and assigns forever, the one half of the following Tracts of land lying in Worcester, and in common & undivided with the said Robert.

The first tract contains sixty seven acres and forty rods bounded beginning upon the Easterly side of a tract of land lying near North Pond and runs W. 40° S. 13 rods then turns and runs North 34° W. 100 rods, then turns W. 4° S. 25 rods. These lines bound on land formerly belonging to Ebenezer Flagg then turns & runs S. 23° W. 100 rods by land formerly belonging to Brigadier Waldo to a walnut (tree) and stones thence N. 20° E. 42 rods by James Barbers meadow thence by said meadow E. 7° S. 20 rods thence turns E. 27° N. to a town way and from thence to the bound first mentioned, reserving the town road running through the premises.

The second tract contains forty one acres & fifty one rods of land, at a Southerly angle. The Northeasterly angle of the Grantors land a Walnut tree & stones from thence W. 53 1-4 rods to a heap of stones thence 83 rods by land formerly Elisha Smith's to the S. W. angle of the Grantors land to a heap of Stones, from thence E. 34° 1-2 S. 108 rods to a heap of stones, from thence S. 26° W. 9 1-2 rods to a heap of Stones, from thence E. 22° 1-2 S. 10 rods to a stake the E. side of the brooke from thence S. 15° E. 31 rods to a pitch pine tree marked, from thence S. W. 26 3-4 rods to a heap of stones from thence straight to where it began, and is the same estate which I hold by and from the said Robert.

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises, with all the appurtenances, privileges & commodities to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, to him the said Robert & to his heirs and assigns for ever to his and their only proper use, benefit & behoof for ever. And I the said Jonathan Gleason Jr. for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Robert Smith and his heirs and assigns, that before the ensealing hereof I am the true sole & lawful owner of the above bargained premises, and am lawfully seized and possessed of the same in my own proper right as a good, perfect and absolute estate of

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inheritance in fee simple. And have in me good right full power and lawful authority, to grant, bargain, sell, convey & confirm said bargained premises in manner as aforesaid. And that the said Robert Smith and his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time, and at all times forever hereafter, by form and virtue of these presents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy the said demised and bargained premises, with the appurtenances, free and clear, & freely acquitted, exonerated and discharged of, from all and all manner of former or other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, lises, mortgages, wills, entails, jointures, dowries, judgments, executions, or incumbrances, of what name or nature forever, that might in any measure or degree obstruct or make void this present deed.

Furthermore I the said Jonathan Gleason Jr. for myself and heirs, Executors & administrators do covenant and engage the above demised premises to him the said Robert Smith and heirs & assigns against the lawful claims or demands of any person or persons whatsoever, forever hereafter to warrant secure and defend by these presents.

Always provided and this deed is on condition, that if the said Jonathan Gleason Jun. his heirs, executors or administrators, or any or other, shall will and faithfully deliver to the said Robert Smith and Elizabeth the wife of the said Robert, and to the survivor of them the one half of all the produce of every kind in good order which may be raised on the afore described one half of the several tracts of land, and in the proper seasons for the same each and every year during the life of the said Robert Smith, and to the said Elizabeth Smith during her life if she survives the said Robert Smith, and shall also deliver at the house of the said Robert sufficient quantities of woods ready prepared for the fire, during the respective lives of the said Robert and Elizabeth. Now if the said Jonathan shall perform the condition aforesaid according to the true intent of the same then this deed is to be void & of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force power and virtue. In testimony whereof I the said Jonathan Gleason have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of December A. D. 1798.

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